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In re the Application of:

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For: INFLATABLE SEALING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR
SEALING OFF AN INSIDE OF A FLOW CARRIER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant submits this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), before issuance of a First Office Action on the merits.

1. U.S. Patent 1,709,949 to Rasmussen et al, issued April 23, 1929;
2. U.S. Patent 2,798,561 to True, issued July 9, 1957;
3. U.S. Patent 3,589,667 to Lewis et al, issued June 29, 1971;
4. U.S. Patent 3,717,203 to Kirkpatrick et al, issued February 20, 1973;
5. U.S. Patent 3,744,562 to Priebe et al, issued July 10, 1973;

6. U.S. Patent 3,746,097 to Mott, issued July 17, 1973;
7. U.S. Patent 3,817,327 to Grable et al, issued June 18, 1974;
8. U.S. Patent 3,853,177 to Mott, issued December 10, 1974;
9. U.S. Patent 4,377,206 to Chambers, issued March 22, 1983;
10. U.S. Patent 4,440,232 to LeMoine, issued April 3, 1984;
11. U.S. Patent 4,492,359 to Baugh, issued January 8, 1985;
12. U.S. Patent 4,575,155 to Hodges, issued March 11, 1986;
13. U.S. Patent 5,366,030 to Pool, II et al, issued November 22, 1994; and
14. U.S. Patent 5,507,465 to Borle, issued April 16, 1996.

A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449, is submitted.

U.S. Patent 5,507,465 is discussed in the specification of the subject application at pages 3 and 4.

U.S. Patent 3,717,203 is discussed in the specification of the subject application at page 4.

Applicant requests the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry of them into the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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